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REPLY

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 27, 2000, Applicants elect Group I. Applicants also respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the issue of whether Group IV must be pursued separately from Group I. Applicants submit that these two groups should be examined together.

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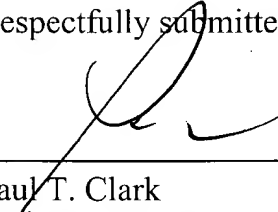
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